We wish to call to this committee's attention that twice the Tariff Commission found for groundfish industry of the United States, and twice the Presidents would not sign the recommendation of an increase in duty. Stated reason was on the ground of foreign relations and national defense, and the prospect that the then newly developed fish stick market would provide relief to the groundfish fishermen. The latter proved to be untrue, since developments proved that almost 100 percent of the fish sticks and later fish portions were made from foreign-produced fish blocks. United States fishermen, particularly those in the Northeast region, cannot compete with low-cost Canadian and European fish of the same species. The foreign fish is produced at about 50 percent of the cost in New England ports, due to the cheaper labor, construction, operating costs, and particularly Government subsidies at all levels of production. Last month the Canadian Government announced that the wages of the fishermen for the last 3 years would be averaged, and at the end of 1968 if the wages does not reach the average of the prior 3 years, the Canadian Government would subsidize the fishermen by paying to the fishermen the wage difference. This is to keep the ex-vessel price of fish low to put the U.S. fishermen out of business.

In the statement by the Treasury Department of the United States before this committee, the mention was made of two important laws affecting our imports which the Treasury Department is responsible for administering; namely, antidumping and countervailing duties. First let me comment on antidumping. Please note graph and date of filing by the Atlantic Fishermen's Union on cod and haddock dumping by the Eastern Canadian Provinces. Note the rise in the price of cod in November of 1967, with no justification by a rise in the price paid ex-vessel to the Canadian fishermen.

With your permission, Mr. Chairman, I will refer to two graphs which the Atlantic Fishermen's Union filed in June of 1967, of dumping by Canada of haddock and cod.

Here it is now going into late June of 1968, and no determination has been made yet.

The top two lines are the price of Canadian fish sold in Canada. The two bottom lines are the maximum and the minimum prices of Canadian fish sold into the United States.

Gentlemen, if this is not definite proof of dumping, I have never seen it in my life.

Mr. BURKE. Excuse me.

In the lower one, the top line is the selling price in the United States, or in Canada?

Mr. ACKERT. The top line is the selling price in Canada of Canadian fish. The bottom line is the Canadian fish being sold upon the American market.

Mr. BURKE. Is that the wholesale price?

Mr. ACKERT. The wholesale price, yes, sir.

If this isn't complete evidence of dumping, I am not aware of any other evidence.

We have been informed by the Bureau of Customs that all the information has been compiled and will be sent to the Treasury Department for recommendation. Because of the long period of research that is required, an industry could be forced out of business because of